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asked to clarify id of FERID.

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TO: Commanding Officer - Austria

FOR: Security Control Division

FROM: Acting Chief, FEM and DH36 *PR 136*

SUBJECT: VERONAL Project - SC Aspect.

Reply - LSX-616
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1. Reference is made to Kapok 66, 26 Nov 46, attaching a copy of the resume of VERONAL Project dated 31 Oct 46. This document has just been returned to your headquarters SC desk from other interested desks.

2. From the standpoint of SC operations, Project VERONAL should be discontinued.

3. In all good judgment, there is no basis for believing that BARBITAL can actually contact or gain the confidence of high-level personnel of Polish resistance groups. We are not clear concerning the intentions of the field in their general briefing of BARBITAL (page 3, Kapok 66). It is considered extremely doubtful by Polish specialists at this office that any high-grade or informed representative of a Polish resistance group would take any such action through BARBITAL. It is extremely unlikely that even the leaders of the Polish resistance groups could provide us with any high-grade CE information. Such counter-intelligence information as they might provide, together with any situation reports which they might supply, could more readily and accurately be covered by State Department representatives within Poland.

4. The SC aspect of VERONAL, then, is a cumbersome operation, utilizing low-grade personnel from an SC standpoint. In line with the current policy to concentrate on useful, productive, special counter-intelligence operations, this project must be eliminated.

5. One other incidental item came to the attention of headquarters through Kapok 66: (b). on page 2, mentions that "arrangements were made on 28 Oct 46 with Mr. [] of SCI/Munich for the following letter-box: Dr. M. FERID, Tengstr. 6, Munich." If this is the Dr. M. FERID (known to the writer and particularly to DD-102), who was a well-known Abwehr officer in the Middle East, it is, *in my view*, undesirable to use him for a letter-drop ~~for which~~ is supposed to be high-grade United States counter-intelligence activities. The German desk at this headquarters had no

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written record of FERID since 1945. The writer recalls that he was, at one time, contemplated for an operation in Germany, but was eliminated from this. In the absence of more definite information, it is possible that your letter-drop FERID and the Abwehr FERID are not identical.

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